ESI Scheme and other benefits to the workers of Bauxite Mines in Lohardaya, Bihar

1134. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether ESI scheme has been enforced in the bauxite mines in Lohardaya (Bihar); if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the number of permanent and casual or contract labourers in each of these mines, and the names of such companies which are running these;

(c) whether minimum wages laws are being enforced in these mines;

(d) whether the miners in these mines are covered by gratuity and bonus schemes; if so, what has been the percentage of bonus in each of these mines during the last 3 years; and

(e) if no bonus is given, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) to (e) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha as soon as possible.

Clearing of slums in Delhi

1135. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme has been drawn up to clear all slums of Delhi in the light of the recent Supreme Court judgement about unauthorised settlements;

(b) whether all the slum dwellers are to be provided with suitable land and Housing facilities to settle in and around Delhi;

(c) what is the total number of slum dwellers in Delhi;

(d) what will be the financial resources required for the rehabilitation of all slum dwellers in Delhi; and

(e) whether funds for this purpose have been provided in the Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Massive relocation of slums has been discontinued as a policy with the termination of the 6th Five-Year Plan. In the 7th Five-Year Plan, the emphasis will be on environmental and structural improvement of the notified slum areas. An amount of about Rs. 66 crore has been provided for this purpose in the 7th Plan.

(c) About 18 lakh population is staying in notified slum areas in Delhi.

(d) and (e) Question does not arise in view of the reply to part (b) above.

Employees Provident Fund Board

1136. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total accumulation of Employees Provident Fund vested in the Central Board as on the 15th July, 1985 and what is the number of subscribers and the number of establishment concerned;

(b) what is the number of employees who are working in the Employees Provident Fund Board;

(c) whether Government have received complaints that Government officials are interfering in the working of the autonomous board; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) The requisite information as on 31-3-1985 was as given below:

(1) Total Provident Fund-accumulations Rs 5250.586 Crores.

(2) Number of establishments covered 1,51,969 (unexempted).

(3) Number of subscribers 88.69,837 (unexempted).

(b) 12,743 officers and staff were employed in the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation.

(c) and (d) There was some complaint about Government interference in the day to day working of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation. Under the Employees Provident Fund Act, the Employees Provident Fund Organisation enjoys full autonomy in the matter of day to day administration and there is no question of any interference by the Government. The Organisation is, however, required to seek prior approval of the Central Government for framing of regulation relating to method of recruitment, pay and allowances and other conditions of service of their officers and staff.

Allotment of accommodation to the Central Government employees

1137. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Central Government employees in Delhi and Bombay who are in the waiting list at present in each type of accommodation;

(b) the date of priority the allotment in each type of accommodation so far covered in Delhi and Bombay, separately;

(c) the number of houses under construction at present under each type at Delhi and Bombay, separately;

(d) the time by when the houses will be ready for allotment;

(e) whether Government propose to have a crash programme for constructing houses for alloting to Central Government employees within five years of their service;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(g) if not, what steps Government propose to take to solve housing problem of the Central Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) to (d) A statement giving requisite details is attached.

(e) to (g) Government propose to undertake construction of more General pool accommodation in Delhi and Bombay. However, due to constraints on resources, it would not be possible to have a crash programme of constructing houses for allotment to Central Government employees within 5 years of their service.